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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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HON. S. S. WILKINS.

A sensible and prominent feature of the Accomac Democratic platform is improvement of county roads. It is demanded, too, that the new law for which they ask shall provide for using improved road making machinery and labor saving implements in the construction and repair of their roads.—Norfolk Virginian.

The resolution was passed with great unanimity. The representatives from Accomac may as well begin to prepare the necessary bill for the carrying out of both the spirit and letter of that resolution, for it is the determined purpose of the people of this county—without respect to party—to have all of our public thoroughfares put into the best possible shape. Our drainage is easy, our soil well fitted to make solid road nearly everywhere, and by the use of "improved road making machinery and labor saving implements" the cost will sink into insignificance as compared with the splendid results to follow. Our people are ready to pay for good roads and they intend to have them. From all over the county we hear this determination expressed, and the voice of the people must be heard, and their will must be obeyed. It is full time the complaints of bad roads shall be heeded; full time the loss in wear and tear of teams, carts, wagons, carriages, (enough to pay all expenses,) shall cease; full time the disgrace of mud and mire roads shall be wiped out. The demand for an adequate and effective law is imperative. It must be heeded.

An appeal to the ex-Confederates of the Eastern Shore to attend the meeting to be held at Parkley, on 21st inst., is supplemented by a similar appeal by Lieutenant Westcott in this issue, and everyone who wore the gray honorably in the contest between the two sections from these counties should respond to the call if possible. The cause for which they fought should be no less sacred to them now, and they should honor themselves, if without seeking to stir up strife, they do not make the effort to perpetuate the principles which actuated them in the struggle and to transmit them in their true colors to their children and their children's children. The count and "to fall in line" was once obeyed by them without a murmur and is no less imperative now. The record they made was a glorious one, deserves to be remembered and no one of them who participated in the struggle should be willing to be deprived of his share in it. Let everyone who can by all means respond to the call.

The anti-Mahone Republican convention which met in Roanoke, on 1st inst., decided to form an independent organization, the plan adopted being the creation of a committee of one hundred, to which is entrusted the nomination of local Republican tickets. "This committee of one hundred is to delegate its powers to an executive committee and a State chairman, who are to co-operate with existing county Republican committees. When the county committees persist in their allegiance to Mahone, new local committees are to be formed. Special committees are also to be created in the ten largest cities of the State."

At a meeting of prominent citizens of Fredericksburg and adjoining counties, on the 1st inst., steps were taken for the removal of the remains of Hon. R. M. T. Hunter from their present place of burial to Richmond, to erect a monument to him and to arrange for other appropriate testimonials to his public character and services.

Charles Stuart Parnell, the noted Irish leader, died suddenly at his home in Brighton, England, on Wednesday. His mother is an American, residing at Bordentown, N. J., the daughter of Admiral Charles Stuart Parnell, known familiarly to his admirers during the war of 1812 as "Old Ironsides."

Gen. W. H. F. Lee, for several days considered sick without hope of recovery, according to latest advices, has somewhat improved and may recover, though his condition is still critical.

The Veterans Cavalrymen of the Army of Northern Virginia will meet in Richmond, October 28th, for the purpose of inaugurating the movement to erect a monument to Gen. J. E. B. Stuart. The committee having the matter in charge have issued an address, from which the following is an extract: "It seems but fitting that the soldier who in his twenties blazed the way for Jackson around the armies of McClellan and Hooker should be made the subject of an enduring monument in this, the capital city of the Confederacy, in whose successful defense he fell at its very gates."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Middlesex supervisors last week, decided to put in force the "two fence law" after six months' notice.

During their visit to Richmond the latter part of October, Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Miss Wanda Davis will be guests of Gen. Jos. R. Anderson.

An important meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee will be held in Richmond, Tuesday, October 13, to consider matters connected with the present campaign.

A Veteran Confederate cavalrymen's association is to be organized in Richmond, one object of which will be to erect a monument to the memory of General J. E. B. Stuart.

Nearly all the space at the State Fair, to be held October 27, 28 and 29, has been taken by exhibitors. It is said that the exhibit will be the best ever seen at a Virginia State Fair.

Major E. M. Braxton, a well-known citizen of Fredericksburg, and of the State, and formerly a member of Congress, died Friday evening, October 3d, at about 5:30 o'clock in the 67th year of his age.

The knitting mills which have just been erected at Newport News will be in full operation in a few weeks. Arrangements are being made to start several other important industries at that point.

It is reported that census statistics will soon be published showing that there are 4,000,000 red-headed people in the United States. This does not include golden-haired, Auburn or persons whose hair is of reddish tint.

Early Sunday morning the post-office at Berkeley, Va., was robbed of everything of value that it contained. Eight hundred dollars in stamps and change was secured, besides a number of registered letters.

Mrs. Mary I. Prentiss, widow of the great Mississippi orator and statesman, Sargeant S. Prentiss, died in New Orleans, Thursday, aged sixty-seven years. Mr. Prentiss died July 1, 1850, at Longwood, near Natchez.

Chief Justice Green, of Oklahoma, has decided in a damage suit that when a saloon is run contrary to law any person, either an officer or private citizen, can destroy the business and no damage can be collected by the saloon-keeper.

The Newport News Land and Development Company, Friday, 2d inst., sold one hundred lots in the eastern section of the city. The purchasers are Virginians and Ohio men, who agree to erect \$40,000 worth of houses on the property within the next eight months.

The colored people in Petersburg are taking much interest in the Industrial Fair to be held by their race in Richmond. They will, no doubt, send many articles for exhibition and will attend the fair in large numbers. The several colored military companies will compete for the prize for the best drilling.

The London Tid-Bits recently offered a prize to the one giving the best definition of "money." Harry E. Bangs, of Sheffield, obtained the prize. His definition was: "An article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except Heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."

Elevator "A," which was the first of the three elevators built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Loeb's Point, is now a mass of ruins, representing about \$200,000 in losses. It was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, with all its machinery and between 150,000 and 160,000 bushels of wheat. No cause could be assigned for the fire.

General James C. Hill, our State railroad commissioner, has been on a traveling inspection through Alabama and Georgia, and has returned, from his observations, has become satisfied that separate railroad cars for the two races are decidedly practicable and are conducted with much success in Alabama, under the law of that State.—Lynchburg News.

The Hon. Harvey Watterson, the venerable father of Mr. Henry Watterson, editor of the Courier Journal, died on Thursday night, in Louisville, Ky. He was the sole survivor of the Twenty-sixth Congress, and during the years of his active life, was a distinguished figure in national politics. Gen. Jackson was his godfather. During the civil war he was a strong advocate of the Union.

The Alabama cypher-law test case was decided by Judge Semmes in habeas corpus proceedings at Montgomery on Saturday. The test was as to whether the new law forbidding shipment of oysters in the shell out of the State at certain seasons and by rail only would stand. The judge decides that a prohibition of this character is unconstitutional as violative of the freedom of interstate commerce.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 5.—Ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee has promised to take the stump before long in behalf of the Democrats. He will make five or six speeches during the present campaign. Chairman Flynn to day telegraphed General Lee, asking him if he could announce him before the speakers and when it would suit his convenience to begin the canvass. The ex-Governor has not made a political speech for years or so.

A dispatch from New York says: Just as Saturday came in, at 1:36 midnight, a baby girl was born to ex-President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland, at their residence, 816 Madison avenue. The news was not known to any except intimates until it was announced on Saturday, but when it was known about the city, congratulations were showered on the happy father, and everybody seemed to take a personal pleasure in the welcome to the new comer.

Mr. John J. Townsend, son of Israel Townsend, Esq., has just been notified by the Barren & Hollinsworth Company, of Wilmington, Delaware, that his patent registering compass is a perfect success, as they have fully tested the same. This firm has offered him \$20,000 for his right which he refused, but entered into an arrangement with them to manufacture the same. The compass will register the course a vessel takes from the time she leaves harbor until she returns. It is considered by mariners a big thing.—Norfolk Virginian.

Mrs. A. M. Willis, Jr., of Washington, Va., last week, was bitten by a snake on her rattlesnake. She insisted that her husband should at once cut her finger off, but instead of following her suggestion he applied his mouth to the wound and sucked out most of the poison. Her arm on Thursday was badly swollen up to the shoulder, since which time it has gradually reduced. Owing to the fact that the snake was a small one and to the prompt and dangerous action of her husband she probably owes her life; as it is very seldom persons recover from the bite of rattlesnake.

Ecumenical Conference.

The most distinguished body of Methodists that has ever assembled in the city of Washington, Wednesday, Men in the foremost ranks of religious, political, professional and business life are there from every corner of the globe to do honor, in the great Ecumenical Conference, to the founder of Methodism, to discuss the sect's wonderful progress, and to consider how its influence may be advanced. Bishops, college and university presidents, editors, great public orators, Governors, Senators, Congressmen, members of Parliament, judges and noted lawyers, physicians, scientists and business men are present to the number of 300. They will represent every branch of Methodism save one, the Evangelical Association.

The delegates are divided into two styles with one section, the larger, numbering 200 delegates, representing the western section, or the American branch, and the other, having 100 delegates, represents all the Methodist societies of the eastern hemisphere. The total number of delegates is small, considering the vast constituency they represent, but it is necessarily so, for if the membership of the Methodist Church was represented in anything like the proportion that is usual in delegated conventions or conferences there would be no building in Washington, to say nothing of the Metropolitan Church, where they will assemble, that would hold the delegates. It is estimated that the actual membership of Methodist churches and societies throughout the world approaches six millions. This represents a population of nearly twenty-five millions of people with Methodist tendencies, and of persons who, while not members of the church, believe in the Methodist doctrine. A large majority of these are in the United States, the two great branches of Methodism in America, alone—the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South—claiming a membership, ministerial and lay, of nearly three and a half millions.

AMERICAN METHODISM.

The wonderful progress in America is due more than anything else to the social conditions that exist here, these being peculiarly adapted to the growth of such system of religion as Methodism. Then again when Methodism was born this country was new, and Wesley himself looked toward it as the land where the new doctrine of salvation by faith, Christian perfection and a personal religion would find its fullest development. This feeling was confirmed by his missionary visit here in 1855, when he spent nearly three years drinking among the Indians in the then colony of Georgia. While Methodist doctrines have spread to a wonderful degree in England and through the East generally, they have had to contend with great prejudices and the opposition of State churches. These causes have prevented the church in the East from reaching its fullest development, it being estimated that British Methodism is not more than one-fifth of the total membership of the whole. Notwithstanding this its representation at the conference is to be in the ratio of two-fifths of the whole.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES. The apportionment of delegates was made by a committee which met in Philadelphia last November. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss presiding. The representation of the American churches was fixed as follows: Methodist Episcopal Church, 124; Methodist Episcopal Church South, 37; African Methodist Episcopal Church, 15; Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 15; Evangelical Association, 9; Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, 3; United Brethren, 9; Primitive Methodist Church in the United States and Canada, 3; Bible Christian Church, 3; British Methodist Episcopal Church, 3; The Evangelical Association, asked to be excused from sending its delegation of nine, giving as a reason that its own general conference would be in session at the time. While this reason is a good one, it is believed that the real cause for its wishing representation is its own internal difficulties, the church now being split into two factions and two general conferences now being in session. The representation of the English churches will be as follows: Wesleyan Methodist Church, 73; Irish Methodist Church, 12; Methodist New Connection, 12; Primitive Methodist Church, 20; Bible Christian Church, 11; United Methodist Church, 21; French Methodist Church, 2; Australian Methodist Church, 9; Independent Methodist Church, 2; Wesleyan Reform Union, 4; South African Methodist Church, 2.

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